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SUBJECT: GOJ SUPPORT FOR IACHR CANDIDATE CAROZZA STILL

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¶1. On April 29, poloff deliverd reftel talking points and CV by telephone and fax to Angella Brown, Deputy Director, International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT). Brown welcomed the information and replied that she was already aware of the issue and would contact Post with a response as soon as it was available.

¶2. On May 6, poloff met with Brown on unrelated issues and inquired about GOJ support for Carozza. Brown replied that there had not been any progress since their earlier discussion. She explained that her department's recommendation had been forwarded to the MFAFT's Permanent Secretary for consideration. Brown added, "the U.S. is

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functional in that group," and that "I don't think (support for the U.S. candidate) is a problem." Post will report a more substantive response should one become available.

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